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Chairperson and Members of the Committee, and Representative **Phil Plummer**,

As a parent, I am asking you to truly think about the children behind this bill. My child feels safe, loved, and supported at their childcare center a place that provides stability, learning, and care every single day.

House Bill 647 threatens to take that away without warning. The sudden disruption of a trusted environment can have lasting effects on a child's sense of security, emotional well-being, and ability to thrive. These are not just inconveniences, they are real, lasting harm to children who deserve safety above all else.

Children should never be treated as collateral damage in policy decisions. Representative Plummer, I urge you to oppose House Bill 647 and protect the stability, safety, and well-being of Ohio's children.

Respectfully,

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